

## SAVES WIFE AND NEGLECTED BABIES

Coachman's Family About  
to Become Public Charge.

DUE TO MOTHER'S CONDITION

Neighbors Ask Police to Succor Half-Starved and Naked Infants.

Learning of the pitiable plight of his wife and two babies, the elder baby only three years old, James Rooney came to Washington from New York yesterday and rescued them from the law.

The mother had been detained at the Washington Asylum Hospital on a charge of insanity. The children were under the care of the Board of Children's Guardians and in charge of a family in the city.

Rooney's wife was released upon his promise to take care of her and remove her from this jurisdiction. His children, properly clothed and fed, were also turned over to him.

The reunited family left the city last night to go to New York.

Policemen Investigate.

On last Thursday evening the attention of Policemen Flannigan, of the Third precinct, was called to the condition of affairs at Mrs. Asthlang Rooney's home, 233 Newport Place. He went to the house and says he found the woman intoxicated. Her children, ill clad and more than half starved, were lying on the floor asleep.

Flannigan took Mrs. Rooney into custody on a charge of insanity. The children and mother were sent to the Third precinct. Mrs. Rooney was then sent to the House of Detention, charged with insanity, and her children turned over to the Board of Children's Guardians.

The shabbily furnished and unclean three-room house, in which they live, was locked up by the police.

A Mental Examination.

On last Friday morning the police surgeons, Drs. Marbury and Burch, made an examination of the woman, and although there were noticeable symptoms of mental derangement, the physicians did not decide that she was a fit subject for an asylum. In order to keep the woman under observation, they, on Friday afternoon, ordered her sent to the Washington Asylum Hospital to be watched.

Since her removal there she showed signs of mental affection, but was not violent and had no delusions. The physicians came to the conclusion that she was suffering from alcoholic indulgence. She is said to have frequently let the children go unwashed for a week at a time. Neighbors say the babies were often to be seen half naked in the alley in the rear of Mrs. Rooney's house eating refuse from a garbage can. They appealed to the police.

The husband explained to the physicians at the Washington Asylum Hospital and the officials of the Board of Children's Guardians that he was a coachman, and that the family by whom he was employed was about to return from Europe. He was compelled to go to New York every spring to attend to the horses.

He said he sent money enough home to provide for his wife and children, and expressed regret at not having taken the children with him. He said nothing about his wife.

Mrs. Rooney, after several days' stay in the hospital, sent a dispatch to her husband. He received it Monday night and came to Washington as soon as possible.

## MISSION A MENACE TO PUBLIC HEALTH

Fifteen Negroes Crowded in One Room.  
Overcrowded, Filthy, and  
Bad Smelling.

Two official reports submitted to the District Commissioners would indicate that the Howard Board Mission, for colored men, at 450 Missouri Avenue northwest, is a "menace to public health" instead of a benign influence for good.

The police have been directed to look after the matter in the interest of improved conditions.

Health Office Severe.

In the report of the Health Department, the following statement was made:

"The rooms were overcrowded, the regulations relating to air space being violated. The odor from the rooms was stifling, the bed clothing filthy, and the inmates made up of jail birds, work-house thieves, and bums, all negroes."

"Twenty-two people were occupying cots in four rooms, three in chairs and three awaiting assignments to rooms. The proprietor of the place charges 10 cents for cots, 5 cents for chairs, and 5 cents for a mattress on the floor per night."

Sought Criminal There.

The report of Sgt. Samuel Murphy, of the Metropolitan police department, was cumulative evidence. He was the first to make complaint about the place, which he visited last month while looking for a criminal.

"In the front attic room," says Murphy, "which is about 12 by 22 feet, with only one window for ventilation, I found fifteen men, nine on cots, five on the floor, and one in a chair."

The report of the Health Department explains that in the past it has been the policy of the management of the place to observe the regulations in the day time by removing nearly all the cots from the rooms, only to put them back at night.

Hereafter the police will see to it that the health regulations are strictly observed.

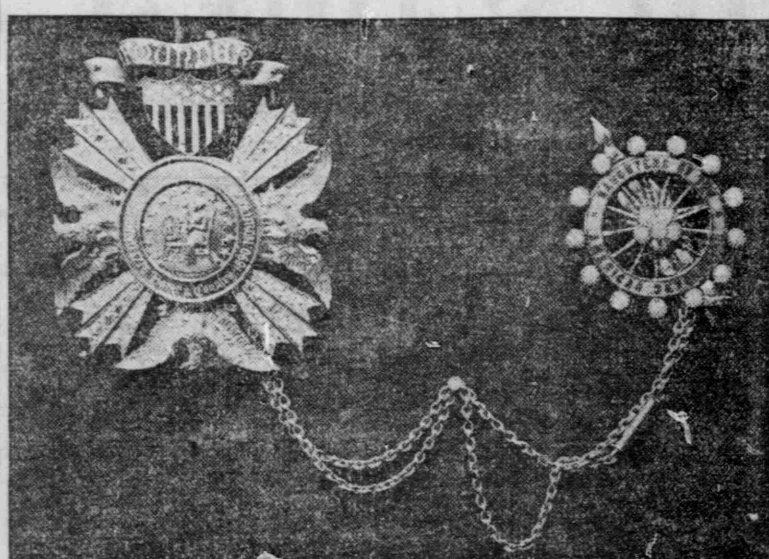
BODY OF H. H. SMITH

WILL REACH HERE TONIGHT

The body of Henry H. Smith, former journal clerk of the House of Representatives, and one of the most prominent parliamentarians in the country, will reach Washington this evening from Savannah, Ga., where he died.

The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning from the chapel at Oak Hill Cemetery. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Frederick D. Power, of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, and interment will be at Oak Hill. A delegation from the U. S. Army, No. 2, Grand Army of the Republic, will be in attendance.

## A MEDAL OF HONOR.



Decoration conferred by the D. A. R. on the Surviving Founders.

## CONGRESS OF D. A. R. A UNIQUE ASSEMBLY

(Continued from First Page.)

ing out the errors made in debate. Some of the alternates had come hundreds of miles to attend the meeting, and while they could take no active part in the proceedings, there was no

reason why they should not have private debates of their own, and they took advantage of the opportunity. This afternoon the delegates will visit President Roosevelt, and will assemble again as soon as they return.

## D. A. R. Badly Mixed Up In Maze of Amendments

The first snag in the current congress of Daughters of the American Revolution was struck in the morning session today, when the last amendment in the list of those proposed came up for consideration. Ten amendments were prepared and listed for early business on Monday, but owing to the time lost in getting down to business Monday and the ceremonies of yesterday, the amendments have been carried through three days.

Each year the congress systematically presents and kills a series of amendments to the constitution, and it had effectively laid on the table with amazing regularity nine amendments when the tenth, which referred directly to amending the constitution, came up and the congress was precipitated into a discussion that promised to be carried into the afternoon session.

First Real Split.

The amendment which caused this first real split in the current congress read: "No amendment to an amendment to the constitution or by-laws shall be acted upon by the same congress in which it is proposed." The amendment was made by Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, vice president general of Illinois, and seconded by Mrs. Donald McLean, of New York. It was vigorously opposed by Mrs. E. J. Moore, of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Salsbury, of Connecticut; Mrs. Kramer, of Illinois, and others.

A series of vigorous speeches was made, notably by Mrs. McLean, who received an ovation when she took the platform. The congress debated for and against the amendment until two-thirds of the number of delegates completely lost the main motion, and by their own admission had no idea of what they were voting for when a rising vote was called for. When order was finally restored and delegates were convinced that it was the amendment proper on which they were supposed to vote, the count was made, with 226 in the affirmative and 132 in the negative. Inasmuch as there was not a two-thirds vote, the motion was lost by default, and the amendment in the list of ten followed the other nine as a former President of the United States might say: into a state of "innocuous desuetude."

Mrs. Bradford's Part.

Mrs. J. C. Bradford is acting as parliamentarian of the current congress, and her quick decisions floored more than one delegate at the morning session. Mrs. Bradford is the parliamentarian of the Federation of Women's Clubs, and is regarded as the best feminine authority on parliamentary law in the United States. After having given several important decisions for the benefit of lesser informed participants in the proceedings, Mrs. Bradford, who had evidently become tired of the frequent references to Roberts' rules of order, urged the congress to give precedence to the constitution of the society rather than to the esteemed Roberts.

Memorial to Congress.

Just before the close of the morning session the congress was put to some embarrassment through a petition offered to frame a memorial to the Congress of the United States praying for the preservation of the lots and buildings about Lafayette Square, which is the site suggested for the new executive mansion.

The petition was offered by Mrs. Kate Kearney Henry, from Elizabeth Blair Lee, regent of the Martha Washington Chapter of the District of Columbia. Following the reading of the petition Mrs. Virginia Miller of the District offered a resolution that such action should be taken and it was seconded by Mrs. Charlotte Emerson Main, of the District.

In presenting such a memorial to Congress Mrs. Fairbanks is placed in a peculiar position. The memorial, going from the organization of which she is the president, would be used for retributive measures in case she is disciplined by the national society. While her judicial office would hardly be influenced by these considerations, the position occupied by Senator Fairbanks' wife is difficult. A decision by the judicial committee satisfactory to both Mrs. Roberts and Miss Huey is the solution sought for, but the delegates think it hardly possible.

## "CHILDREN" CALL AT WHITE HOUSE

National Society in Annual Session.

BANNER GOES TO NEW YORK

Loving Cup for Child Who Has Collected Most for D. A. R. Hall.

President Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt at the White House this afternoon received the members of the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution, who held their annual convention at the Church of the Covenant this morning.

After adjourning for luncheon the society met again at their headquarters and proceeded in a body to the White House, wearing their colors and distinctive emblems. Mrs. Daniel Lathrop, president of the society, and one of its founders, headed the delegation, consisting of about seventy-five members.

Two Interesting Features.

The morning session was taken up with annual reports and routine business. Two features of interest were the presentation to the society of a loving cup by Mrs. John Miller Horton, regent of the Buffalo chapter, to be given to the child who secured the most contributions for Continental Memorial Hall, and the return of the national emblem of the society to the Society showing the largest and most active list of members.

The banner went to New York which has greatly increased the number of its chapters during the past year. It was not possible to announce the name of the child to whom Mrs. Horton's cup will be awarded, as the figures have not yet been compiled. The presentation will be performed when the name of the proper recipient can be ascertained.

Finances Satisfactory.

The annual reports show the society to be in a flourishing condition. There will be no election of officers at this session.

Tomorrow will be devoted by the members of the society to a sightseeing automobile tour.

On Friday a visit will be made to Mount Vernon, where exercises will be held at the tomb of Washington, and at the national society's tree on the ground.

Tomorrow evening a reception will be given at the Washington Club, 1710 I Street northwest, when the guests will attend in continental uniform.

## WOULD REORGANIZE DISTRICT MILITIA

House May Act This Session—Changes in Accord With Conditions in Various States.

The House Committee on Militia today authorized a favorable report on the bill recently introduced by Representative Morrell of Pennsylvania to reorganize the District militia.

Mr. Morrell will draft the report and endeavor to get consideration of the measure in the House at this session of Congress.

The provisions of this bill have been set forth in The Times. General Harries, the commander of the militia, and Col. L. M. Brett, adjutant general, were before the committee and explained the provisions of the measure. In regard to the section providing for a paymaster general, General Harries said such an officer was needed to complete the organization in accordance with the practice in other States. He also explained the difference between the District of Columbia militia and the District of Columbia National Guard. The militia consists of every able-bodied male in the District between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years not conditionally exempt, while the National Guard is the active force of the militia. Under the reorganization plan there will be no change in the date of officers' commissions.

DIED.

O'DONNELL—On Wednesday, April 20, 1904, at 6:45 a. m., JOHN H. O'DONNELL, beloved husband of Anna Koontz-O'Donnell, in his fifty-third year. Notice of funeral hereafter.

DEATH RECORD.

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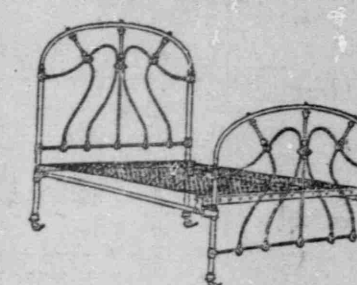
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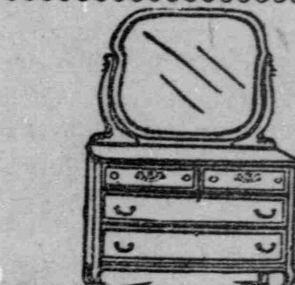
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